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15. (currently amended) The article of claim ~~14~~17, further comprising at least one drawer removably mounted beneath the top by means of opposing glide assemblies, one each attached to a middle panel and a side panel, when the article is in its assembled position.

16. (original) The article of claim 15, adapted for use to hold a computer system, wherein said drawer has a downwardly pivotable front panel.

17. (new) An article of furniture, adapted for shipment in compact folded position and for use in assembled position, comprising:

a top having a front and a rear, edges at the front, rear and sides, a top side and an underside;

a back, connected to the top by hinges in proximity to the rear edge of the top, so the back folds downwardly from the underside of the top when the top is disposed horizontally, from a shipment position wherein the back is nominally parallel with the underside of the top, to an assembled position wherein the back is nominally perpendicular to the underside of the top;

opposing left and right side panels, each side panel having an upper end and a lower end, each panel connected by hinges to the back, wherein each panel folds outwardly from a shipment position in which the panel lies nominally parallel with the back to an assembled position wherein the panel is nominally perpendicular to back; wherein, after said back is folded downwardly from the top and the side panels are folded outwardly from the back, to assemble the article, the upper ends of the side panels support opposing side edges of top so they are in a horizontal plane;

a middle panel, running parallel to the side panels when the side panels are in their outwardly folded position, detachably attached to the top; and,

means for preventing folding of the opposing side panels, when the article is in its assembled position, the means including a shelf, hinged from a side panel or the middle panel, wherein the shelf folds downwardly from the panel when the panel is vertically-disposed, from a shipment position wherein the shelf is nominally parallel with said panel, to an assembled position wherein the shelf is nominally perpendicular to said panel; the shelf connecting the middle panel and a side panel.

18. (new) The article of claim 17 wherein the shelf is hinged from the middle panel; and wherein the opposing end of the shelf detachably fastens to the side panel to which the shelf connects when the article is in its assembled position.

19. (new) The article of claim 18 wherein a wedge and pocket combination is used to detachably fasten the shelf to the side panel.

20. (new) The article of claim 17 wherein said means for preventing hinge motion further comprises: a detachable stretcher connecting said middle panel with the other side panel, to which said shelf is not connected, when the article is in its assembled position

21. (new) The article of claim 20 wherein the means for connecting at least one end of the stretcher to said other side panel or said middle panel comprises a pin and slot in combination with a wedge and pocket assembly.

22. (new) The article of claim 17 further comprising at least one stop, attached to the underside of the top near a side edge thereof, for limiting said outward hinge motion of at least one side panel, when the side panel is moved outwardly to a position nominally perpendicular to the back, so the article is in its assembled position.

23. (new) The article of claim 17, further comprising: a second shelf, detachably mounted above said hinged shelf, connecting said middle panel and the side panel to which the first shelf connects.

24. (new) The article of claim 17 wherein there is a gap between the side panels when they lie parallel with the top and the article is in its shipment position; further comprising: a stiffener from the top, attached to the underside of the top, within said gap.